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SUBJECT: BRIEF MEETING OF BRUSSELS GROUP

1. SLIGHTLY RECONSTITUTED BRUSSELS GROUP MET FOR ONE HOUR THURSDAY P.M. TO DISCUSS UNEP AND POSSIBLE COORDINATED ACTION ON NAIROBI MEETING.

2. PRESENT WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL EC COUNTRIES MINUS IRELAND PLUS JAPAN, CANADA AND U.S. SALMAN (BELGIUM) CHAIRED INFORMAL MEETING.

3. HERTER STRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT AT LAST BRUSSELS GROUP MEETING TO TRY AND MAKE NAIROBI A REASONABLE SUCCESS, AVOIDING IF POSSIBLE ANOTHER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS. COPIES OF KING PAPER "CONSULTATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" WERE DISTRIBUTED AND MAJOR POINTS IN PAPER WERE DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE WELCOMED.

4. GROUP MADE FOLLOWING DECISION:
A) TO REVIEW KING PAPER IN DETAIL;
B) TO MEET AGAIN IN PARIS FOR FULL DAY IF NECESSARY ON JANUARY 23 FOLLOWING OECD EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING ON MINISTERIAL;

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C) TO CONFINE JAN 23 MEETING TO PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

BRUSSELS GROUP WITH DUTCH HOSTING AND CHAIRING;

D) TO BASE JAN 23 DISCUSSION ON UNEP SECRETARIAT ACTION PROPOSALS AND DRAFT PAPER ON DONOR COUNTRY CONSTRAINTS ON FUND AND BALANCED UNEP PROGRAM. U.S. HAS AGREED TO PREPARE SUCH PAPER;

E) TO SELECT KEY LDC MEMBERS OF GOVERNING COUNCIL AND DIVIDE UP RESPONSIBILITY FOR VISITATIONS TO CAPITALS IN TIME BETWEEN JAN 23 AND NAIROBI MEETING. FRG WILL PREPARE LIST OF LDCS FOR REVIEW AND AMENDMENT ON JAN23.

5. FRENCH (MANET) EXPRESSED RESERVATION ON WHOLE IDEA LARGELY DUE TO DISILLUSION WITH GENEVA GC MEETING BUT APPEARED WILLING TO GO ALONG. FRG AND UK WERE VERY HELPFUL. JAPAN (OTA) WAS SILENT BUT THIS DID NOT CONNOTE DISAPPROVAL.

6. SOME GENUINE UNEASINESS WAS EVIDENT OVER POTENTIAL FORMATION DC BLOC AND UNDER WHAT AUSPICES PREPARED COUNTRY VISITATIONS BY BRUSSELS GROUP SHOULD TAKE PLACE.

7. IN SUM, U.S. APPROACH APPRECIATED AND GENERALLY WELCOMED. GOOD STAFF WORK FOR JAN 23 MEETING ESSENTIAL.

8. NOAA MONITORING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY ALSO DISTRIBUTED BUT NO DISCUSSION DUE TO SHORTNESS OF TIME.
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